

**FOR CHILD OR ADOLESCENT UNIT OF STATE FACILITIES
MHA Facility 2ND PHYSICIAN'S OR PSYCHOLOGIST'S ENDORSEMENT**

I have examined _____, and I find that:

1. The individual has a mental disorder;
 2. The mental disorder is susceptible to care or treatment;
 3. The applicant understands the nature of the request for admission.
- ☐ I certify that I am duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland, pursuant to the Health Occupations Article, Title 14, Annotated Code of Maryland; or
- ☐ I am a psychologist licensed under the Health Occupations Article, Title 16, Annotated Code of Maryland, and listed in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology.

Printed Name of Physician or Psychologist

Signature of Physician or Psychologist

Address

Date

Telephone Number

HEALTH-GENERAL ARTICLE

§10-610. Application by parent or guardian.

(a) *Applicant.* – On behalf of a minor, a parent or guardian of the person of the minor may apply, under this

section, for admission of the minor to:

- (1) Any facility that is not a State facility; or
- (2) The following State facilities:
 - (i) A regional institute for children and adolescents; and
 - (ii) The child or adolescent unit of a State facility.

(b) *Application.* – The applicant shall submit a formal, written application that contains the personal information and is on the form required by the Administration.

(c) *Admission limitations.* – A facility may not admit an individual under this section unless:

- (1) The individual has a mental disorder;
- (2) The mental disorder is susceptible to care or treatment;
- (3) The applicant understands the nature or a request for admission; and
- (4) Assent to the admission has been given:
 - (i) By the admitting physician of the facility; or
 - (ii) For a child or adolescent unit of a State facility, by a physician and psychologist or by 2 physicians.

(d) *Retention limited.* – An admission under this section to a child or adolescent unit of a State facility may

not exceed 20 days. (An. Code 1957, Art. 59, § 11; 1982, ch. 21, § 2.)

§10-803. Voluntary admissions.

(a) *Informal request.* – An individual who is admitted voluntarily to a facility, on an informal request, may leave the facility at any time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., unless the admission status of the individual has been changed to an involuntary admission.

(b) *Formal applications.* — An individual who has been admitted voluntarily, under a formal written application, may not be held for more than 3 days after the individual asks for release, unless the admission status of the individual has been changed to an involuntary admission.

(c) *Same – Minors.* — A minor who has been admitted voluntarily, on the application of a parent or guardian of the minor, may not be held for more than 3 days after the applicant for the admission asks for release, unless the admission status of the minor has been changed to an involuntary admission. (An. Code 1957, art. 59, § 11; 1982, ch. 21, § 2; 1991, ch. 31.)